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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $abc = 1$ , then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 + bc}{a + b} \geq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 + bc}{a + b} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 - b^2 + b^2}{a + b} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{a + b} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a + b)(a - b)}{a + b} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + bc}{a + b} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a - b) + \frac{b(b + c)}{a + b} + \frac{c(c + a)}{b + c} + \frac{a(a + b)}{c + a} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{abc(b + c)(c + a)(a + b)}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)}} \stackrel{abc = 1}{=} 3 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 + bc}{a + b} \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$